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He Enters Second Primary in Face of
Sure Defeat and Against Warn-
ings of Friends.

The result of the senatorial pri-
mary, as officially announced by the
state canvasser, was as follows:

For Taliaferro,	22,771
For Stockton,	12,771
For Jennings,	1,245
For Gill,	1,108

Total, 41,895
Necessary majority, 20,947 1/2
Taliaferro led 4-2
Stockton led 1-3

Senator Taliaferro had MAJORITIES
over the combined vote of all of his
opponents in SEVENTEEN COUNTIES,
viz: Bradford, Dade, Duval, Duval
Escambia, Franklin, Hillsboro,
Jackson, Manatee, Nassau, Orange,
Osceola, Putnam, Santa Rosa, Volu-
sia, Walton and Washington. He
had PLURALITIES over Stockton in
EIGHTEEN COUNTIES, viz: Alachua,
Baker, Calhoun, Hamilton, Holmes,
Lake, Madison, Marion, Monroe,
Polk, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee
and Wakulla.

With respect to his only remain-
ing competitor, Senator Taliaferro
carried thirty-one of the 45 coun-
ties in the state. His plurality over
Stockton was 9,451; over Jennings,
12,977, and his majority over the
combined vote of both was 206.

Senator Taliaferro received nearly
30 per cent, while Mr. Stockton re-
ceived less than 22 per cent, of the
aggregate vote of the entire state.

In Duval county, the home of both
of the leading contestants, the total
vote was 3,761, of which Taliaferro
received 2,377, or 63 per cent, over
all while Stockton received only
1,372 votes, or 36 per cent, less than a
majority. The scattering vote—Jennings
and Gill—numbered only 112.
Stockton's vote was less than 34 per
cent of the total county vote while
Taliaferro received over 63 per cent
of the whole number of votes cast.

In Senator Taliaferro's home pre-
cinct, Duval county, Stockton re-
ceived 180, or nearly 71 per cent of
the total vote, being a plurality of
120 over Stockton and a majority
over all of 108. In Stockton's home
precinct, Senator Taliaferro received
270 votes, or nearly 55 per cent of the
whole vote, while Stockton got only
217, or 44 per cent, Taliaferro's plu-
rality over Stockton being 53, and his
majority over all 47.

Notwithstanding these conditions,
Mr. Stockton has been quoted as de-
claring that "if Taliaferro lacked
only a single vote to secure a majority"
he would make a contest in the
second primary, and that he intended
to "make the nomination cost
those fellows \$100,000."

Since the primary, some of the
newspapers which supported Stockton
have declared for Taliaferro; some
of them have urged Taliaferro to
Stockton to withdraw from the race,
and several of those newspapers
which had remained neutral during
the first campaign are openly ad-
vocating Mr. Taliaferro's nomination,
even including some that supported
Governor Jennings.

If a majority of the Democrats of
Florida, after a careful consideration
of the foregoing facts and figures,
do not reach the conclusion that
Senator Taliaferro is fairly entitled
to the nomination, it will be a mir-
acle, indeed.

Napoleon B. Broward as a Rail- road Land Grabber.

Mr. Broward is seeking to defeat
Robt. W. Davis as a candidate for
governor on the specious pretext that
if Mr. Davis is elected he will turn
over the public lands to the railroad
companies. He does not attempt to
show that Mr. Davis ever did an un-
warranted or improper act in his pub-
lic life, or that he ever betrayed a
trust or ever acted against the inter-
ests of the people. Mr. Davis has
been in public life for some years
and has served eight of these years
in congress, where he has voted on
almost every question of the day.
Mr. Broward does not point out any
wrongful public act of his. He can-
not do so. Yet he says in his "map"
that if Mr. Davis is elected governor
he will do something wrong.

LAND GRANTS.

Let us see how Mr. Broward stands
and what sort of record he has in the
matter of giving lands to the rail-
roads. Mr. Broward was a member
of the Florida legislature in 1901.
That has not been so very long ago,
has it? At that session several bills
came before the legislature touching
the subject of land grants.

One of these bills was: "To extend
the time limit for the commence-
ment and completion of the Alafia,
Manatee and Gulf Railway."

Mr. Broward voted for the bill.
See house journal for 1901, page 484.
Bear in mind that all railroads
constructed in Florida are land grant
railroads. Some of them get only

Hon. Robt. W. Davis



Sends a Personal Letter to Voters.

Congressman R. W. Davis has sent out the
following personal letter to the democratic vot-
ers of the State. His honest, straight-forward
statements ought to convince every democrat in
Florida:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Palatka, Florida, May 21st, 1904.

My Dear Sir:—

The race for the Governorship of Florida in the Second Primary
is to be run by Mr. N. B. Broward and myself. I will greatly ap-
preciate your friendship and support. Prior to the last Primary Mr.
Broward spread broadcast over the state tons of misleading litera-
ture, at great personal expense, directed largely at me and I am free
to confess that I probably treated it too lightly, because I could not
believe it would be taken seriously. I have served as a member of
the state legislature and have been in Congress nearly eight years.
Since I have been a member of Congress I have voted on every
proposition contained in the Democratic platform. I had challenged
my competitors in this race to point out one single vote of mine
or to refer to any one single act or utterance of mine that showed me
to be untrue to the trust reposed in me. No effort was made to do
this. Mr. Broward brought out his "map" saying that I was con-
trolled by corporations and would use my influence to turn over to
the railroads the public lands and public monies of the state. I sup-
posed it would be apparent to all that this insinuation was made
solely for campaign purposes. I want to say to you now that I am
in no way either directly or indirectly connected with any railroad
nor am I under the least obligation to any. If I am elected Govern-
or, as I expect to be, and thereby become a member of the Board of
Trustees, I shall not vote to convey away to railroads the public
lands or public funds nor will I permit the same to be done so far as
I can control it. These lands are in litigation in suits brought by
the railroads against the Trustees and as a member of that Board I
should never give my voice or vote to convey them unless forced by
the courts of last resort to do so. I make this emphatic statement
merely that I may not be misunderstood because of misrepresentation.
The same gentlemen who are serving on the Board of Trust-
tees under Governor Jennings will serve under the next administra-
tion and it seems to me that Mr. Broward's insinuation that any
Governor could control them against the interest of the people is a
reflection upon them. I trust that I am as honest as Mr. Broward
and I cheerfully put my public record in the balance with his.
About his I shall have more to say hereafter. The votes Mr. Brow-
ard and I received in our respective home counties on the 10th inst.
in the first Primary, speak for themselves. In my county where I
have lived for 20 years Mr. Broward received 85 votes and I received
879. In Duval county where Mr. Broward has lived practically all
his life he received 1065 and I received 2058. In his own precinct
I received more votes than he, and in my home precinct there was
not a vote against me. All this may mean nothing, but in spite of
all the charges made against me, it shows that my neighbors trust
me.

Sincerely yours,

ROBT. W. DAVIS.

3840 acres per mile under the general
law and others get special grants at
whatever acreage the legislature
may fix it. Here was a road whose
charter and land grant were about
to expire because they had not com-
menced the work of construction in
time and Mr. Broward voted to ex-
tend the "privilege."

Another bill was: "To extend the
time for the completion of the Tal-
lahassee Southeastern Railway and
TO PRESERVE ITS LAND
GRANT, ETC."

Mr. Broward voted for it. See
house journal for 1904, page 750.
There were several other bills pas-
sed at that session to "extend and
preserve" the grants and privileges
of railroads on which Mr. Broward
did not vote at all. He certainly did
not vote AGAINST any bill of that
kind at that session. See house jour-
nal, pages 814, 931, 1081, 1322 and 1336.

Now, what are the democratic vot-
ers of Florida to believe?
Is Mr. Broward perfectly sincere in
his position now or is he playing pol-
itics. We must judge the true, etc.,
etc.

DAVIS AND BROWARD.

From Joe's article in the Republic, May 21st.

Robert W. Davis and Napoleon B.
Broward are the two candidates for
the governorship now before the
voters of Florida, and the Metro-
polis, in the interest of the people, ad-
vocates the election of "Bob" Davis,
because we believe he is better fitted
for this high and responsible pos-
tion. His fine record as a congress-
man has earned this additional
honor, and The Metropolis feels the
people, who can always be counted
on to do the right thing, will enthu-
siastically support "Bob" Davis for
the position which he now asks for
at their hands.

DANNITTE H. MAYS.

Declares in Open Letter For
Bob Davis.

H. D. H. Mays of Monticello, late
candidate for governor, issued the
following open letter yesterday:

Monticello, Fla., May 26, 1904.

To the People of Florida:
I perceive to fully the support of
friends in my race for governor. I
regret my failure to win solely for
the discomfiture that comes to
those who so loyally supported me.
I made the race as an individual,
with no faction or combination at my
back, appealing to the individual
citizenship of our state without prej-
udice.

No man can be more loyal to Flor-
ida, to the best interests of all her
people, or prouder of the honor than
I would have been.

As to my future course in this cam-
paign, so often asked by good friends,
I simply say that, on account of Mr.
Broward's unprincipled, unjust and un-
warranted attacks on me in his cam-
paign literature, which he promised
to correct and never did, that my
self-respect will have passed away
entirely before I can for one moment
think of supporting him.

I will vote for Robert W. Davis,
whom I consider the truer, the better
man.
Very truly,
D. H. MAYS.

Analyzing the Gubernatorial Vote.

The fact that Mr. Broward received
a few more votes in the state at
large than were cast for Mr. Davis—
a plural plurality of 27, in a vote of
14,141, or about one-half of one per
cent—has been seized upon by Mr.
Broward's supporters as the leading
and apparently the only argument in
favor of his nomination in the second
primary. A brief examination of the
official returns will discover the real
value of such an argument.

Broward's vote in the entire state
was a very small fraction over 30 per
cent, of the entire vote, while Davis' vote
was within quite as small a frac-
tion of 20 per cent of the whole—a
difference in Broward's favor of about
ONE-HALF OF ONE PER CENT! Brow-
ard "leads" to be sure, but scarcely
enough to justify very much of the
bragging his friends are doing in his
behalf.

Broward got small majorities in
five small counties, viz: Calhoun,
Lafayette, Liberty, Monroe and Tay-
lor; Davis got large majorities in five
big counties, viz: Dade, Duval, Put-
nam, St. Johns and Volusia. The
sum of Broward's majorities was 27;
the sum of Davis' majorities was 85!

There's a "lead" for you!
Broward secured pluralities over
Davis in 24 counties, Davis got plu-
ralities over Broward in 20 counties,
and in one the vote was a tie between
them. These four little pluralities
in excess of the number given to Da-
vis constitute about all that Brow-
ard's friends can really afford to
boast of.

But after all, the real test of fitness
as between the two candidates, must
be found in the vote cast in their re-
spective counties and precincts, and
the official returns show conclusively
how each is regarded by his friends,
neighbors and fellow citizens where
he is best known, in his own home.

AT BROWARD'S HOME.

In Duval county Davis received
2,058 votes, or more than 57 per cent
of the total vote of 3,609, being a plu-
rality over Broward of 983, and a
majority over all of 507; Broward got
1,065 votes, or about 29 per cent of
the total vote.

In Broward's home precinct Davis
received 121 out of 233 votes, or nearly
52 per cent, making a plurality over
Broward of 30, and a majority over
all of 9; while Broward got only 91
votes or a small fraction over 39 per
cent of the total vote of the precinct.

Broward received the entire vote—
20—in one precinct, a majority vote
in eight precincts and small plural-
ities over Davis in three others; Da-
vis received a majority vote in fifteen
of the 26 precincts in the county.

AT DAVIS' HOME.

Compare the foregoing with the re-
cord of the ballots in Mr. Davis' home
county.

The total vote of Putnam was 967,
of which Davis received 795, more
than 83 per cent, of the total county
vote and 316 more than a ma-
jority; while in the entire county
Broward got only 85 votes. Davis
carried every one of the 27 precincts
by large majorities, receiving every
vote cast for governor in six of the
precincts, including his own, while
Broward got votes in only 19 precincts.
The inevitable deduction from the
foregoing is, that Mr. Broward has
received his largest vote in those lo-
calities in the state where he is least
known and his smallest vote in the
county and precinct where he lives
and is best known, while Mr. Davis,
on the contrary, has received his
heaviest vote in his home county and
precinct, and his lightest vote else-
where.

Those democrats in remote coun-
ties who may have been induced to
support Mr. Broward under the false
impression that he was regarded by
his neighbors and fellow citizens
who know him best as a fit and prop-
er person to fill the high office which
he seeks, will be undeceived by the
above abstract from the official re-
turns of the first primary; and those
who were unfamiliar with or misin-
formed concerning the standing of
Mr. Davis at his own home and
among those who have best and long-
est known his merits, will be able to
determine much better than before
whether, or not, he is justly entitled
to their support in the present con-
test.

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